

Whether it is in his travels as a professional speaker, or found in one of the twenty books he has written, Dr. Zeiss' wisdom always captivates an audience and leaves a place better than he found it. That is exactly what he has done at CPCC.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring the career of a truly remarkable individual, and my friend, Dr. Tony Zeiss, for his service to Central Piedmont Community College and wishing he and his wife Beth well as they begin the next chapter of their lives in retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RODOLFO AYALA-AYALA

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala, a resident of my district who lived in Kissimmee, Florida. Rodolfo lost his life during the tragic shooting at Pulse nightclub in Orlando, in the early morning hours of June 12, 2016.

Rodolfo was a biologics supervisor at a blood donation center in Orlando. He would have been working the morning of the shooting helping the victims after thousands of people throughout Central Florida turned out to donate blood that day. Instead, he was one of the victims.

Rodolfo, who was also known as Rodney, had recently been promoted to platelet supervisor. A native of Puerto Rico, he was a skilled salsa dancer and loved all kinds of Latin music. His family and friends remember him as a compassionate man dedicated to his work. He was a prankster and could rock a bow tie. Rodolfo was a well-loved human being and had a bright future ahead of him. He was enjoying Latin Night at Pulse nightclub the morning of the shooting. He was 33 years old.

Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala will never be forgotten in our pursuit of a more just and loving world. His memory and acts of kindness will live forever in the hearts and minds of those who knew him.

May his family, relatives and friends eventually find solace and comfort, and may he rest in eternal peace.

FAA EXTENSION, SAFETY, AND SECURITY ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, this bill provides needed stability for our nation's aviation programs, while giving lawmakers the time to come to a longer term FAA authorization.

The House has previously passed a number of needed aviation security bills that I have sponsored, and I'm pleased that three of those bills are included in this legislation.

These provisions include the TSA PreCheck Expansion Act, the Checkpoint Optimization and Efficiency Act, and my SAFE GATES legislation.

Together, these provisions will increase the number of travelers receiving expedited security screening, reduce airports wait times by making commonsense reforms to the way TSA operates, and enhance the security at overseas airports with direct flights to the United States.

The result will be greater efficiency, enhanced safety, and a reformed TSA that is better prepared to protect our transportation infrastructure.

In these trying times in which America faces a formidable threat from terrorists at home and abroad, it is critical that we act to secure our aviation sector from threats and mitigate attacks like those in Istanbul and Brussels.

Along with these attacks on airports, we have seen three—potentially four—passenger aircraft bombed by terrorists in recent months. Passing this legislation will help guard against such attacks against U.S.-bound aircraft.

I appreciate the tireless work of Chairman SHUSTER and Chairman THUNE in shepherding this critical extension of FAA's authority. I thank them and Chairman MCCAUL for advocating for my security provisions to be included.

RECOGNIZING CITI OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, taking place July 16–24, 2016, in Rock Creek Park, and to recognize these dates as "Tennis Week" in the District of Columbia. All are invited to attend the 48th installment of this Washington tennis tradition, a cultural, economic, and community staple in the region.

The tennis tournament, now known as the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, was founded in 1969 by tennis legend and Hall of Famer Donald Dell, along with business partner John Harris, with the support of Arthur Ashe. Mr. Ashe declared he would participate in the inaugural tournament under two conditions: the tournament would take place in a naturally integrated neighborhood, and it would be played on public land where all people could come together, enjoy the sport, and share the experience. Today, the tournament remains in its original location on 16th & Kennedy Streets NW, in Rock Creek Park.

In 1972, Mr. Dell gave the tournament sanction to the Washington Tennis & Education Foundation (then called the Washington Area Tennis Patrons Foundation), a nonprofit organization supporting local education causes for over 1,200 low-income and underserved children.

The Citi Open Tennis Tournament draws the best players in the world, making D.C. a global tennis destination. The tournament is also seen on television in 182 countries. A 2015 economic impact study found that the estimated total gross impact of the Citi Open on the regional economy is more than \$28.2 million. The tournament is the only Association of Tennis Professionals 500 level event in the United States, and it is one of only four pro-

fessional tennis tournaments combining men's and women's events. It is also recognized as an international level tournament by the Women's Tennis Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing "Tennis Week in the District of Columbia" for the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, celebrated July 16–24.

AGA KHAN'S 59TH YEAR AS IMAM OF THE ISMAILI MUSLIMS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent one of the most diverse districts in all of America. Our diversity is part of what makes the greater Houston area a strong example of the melting pot that comprises this great nation.

I appreciate the Ismaili community's engagement with the broader community—in culture, business, education, and civic affairs. The Ismaili community provides important contributions to our community and we appreciate all that you do to embrace Texas and America as your home.

Today, I would like to acknowledge a special anniversary for the Ismaili community. On July 11th, the Aga Khan will celebrate 59 years as Imam of the Ismaili Muslims. The role of the Imam is both to interpret the faith to the community, and also to do all he can to improve the quality and security of their daily lives.

The Aga Khan emphasizes the view of the religion of Islam as a thinking, spiritual faith: one that teaches compassion and tolerance, promotes the role of the intellect and upholds the dignity of man, God's noblest creation.

I congratulate the Aga Khan on his 59th year as Imam and wish him and the Ismaili Muslim community in the United States every success in their continued efforts to improve the lives of people around the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE POMPEO

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Mr. POMPEO. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 401, 402, 403, I was unable to cast my vote in person due to a previously scheduled engagement.

Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea."

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF GEORGE ROSENKRANZ, PH.D.

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the extraordinary life and work of George Rosenkranz, Ph.D., who celebrates his 100th birthday on August 20, 2016.